

Andrew Jackson to Creek Chiefs, September 4, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JACKSON'S TALK TO THE CREEKS.1

1 Copy. This "Talk" was sent to the Creeks. The copy is in the handwriting of Capt. J. M. Glassell, Jackson's secretary at the time.

Nashville, September 4, 1815.

Friends and Brothers. You know me to be your friend, you remember when your nation listened to the advice of bad men, and became crazy by the prophcies of your, wicked prophets raised by the machinations of Great Britain and spain, By the order of your father the President of the united states I marched an army into your nation to protect those who remembered his talk, and held him fast by the hand in friendship.

Friends and Brothers. You remember I destroyed your enemies, put those wicked prophets to death and to flight, and by the Capitulation and Treaty at Fort Jackson gave peace to your nation.

Friends and Brothers listen, a few wicked and bad men who saved them selves by flight flew to Pensacola trusting to the Govenors promised protection and boasted strength and Joined his standard and that of the British. Listen, I told them and told you that the army of Spain and Britain could not protect those fugitives from the arm of our Vengeance

Brothers Listen, I told you I would follow those bad men into the Town of Pensacola, and destroy them, and their allies the British, and all those that attempted to protect them.

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Brothers Listen did I not tell you the truth, did I not enter Pensacola, and at my approach did not Colo Nicholls and Capt Woodbine like cowards fly to their shippings and leave the Indians to perish or save them selves by flight. *Listen* , many of them did perish and were led away Captives in view of the British fleet from the Town of Penesacola, and who was afraid, to put foot on land to save the Indians from destruction, knowing they, them selves would be destroyed.

Brothers Listen, did I not send my men and warriours through all their Country Took and destroyed upwards of two hundred of the Hostile Indians and did the British dare to land any men to protect them. Listen, did not the British after exciting them to war, after promising them protection flee like cowards and leave the Indians to perish, and is there any of your nation after all this so crasy as to Listen to their wicked talks again.

Friends and Brothers I hear with sorrow that some of your people has been listening to the wicked Talks of Colo Nicholls again, and that he has directed you to oppose the running of the line agreeable to the Treaty of Fort Jackson.

Brothers Listen, did I not feed you by the orders of your father the President of the U. States and save you and your nation from starving, have I not by the orders of your father the President sent goods into the nation, to cloath you and your naked woman and children.

Brothers Listen did I ever tell you a lie. Listen I now tell you that line must and will be run, and the least opposition brings down instant destruction on the heads of the opposers. *Brothers* Listen, My men are ready to crush all the enemies of the U. States—there four listen not to the lying Talks of Colo Nicholls he has once led part of your nation to destruction—he has promised them protection, and when ever they are attacked, he will again fly and save himself, and leave them to be destroyed. *Brothers* Listen If you attend to the lying talk of Colo Nicholls you will bring down upon you innavoidable ruin. *Brothers*

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Listen hold your father the Presidents talk fast, he is your friend, he never tells you lies, he can and will protect you.

Friends and Brothers I send you a true Talk you know I have never deceived or told you lies, and I now tell you if [you] listen to bad Talks of wicked men such as Nicholls you will bring immediate destruction on your selves—the line will be run I have ordered my men to be ready, all opposition to runing the line will be put down.

Friends and Brothers. Justice will be done by the President of the, U, States to all his red children, he will protect his friends and punish his enemies. Listen, the eyes and ears of your father the President is always open to your Just complaints—he will hear and redress them. But the moment you listen to wicked men, lay aside his talk, become the enemy of the U. States my warriours will be in the midst of you to protect our friends and destroy our enemies.

Friends and Brothers, I have heard your talks through your friend Capt Hutchings who is also my friend, and answer that the Prisoners will be restored that is in the hands of the Chocktaws and Cherokees and Chickesaws, as soon as your nation is able to feede them and a written request is forwarded by the Chiefs of your nation in council for them.

I am your friend and Brother.